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Dear EMS Agency:

Enclosed you will find updated sections of the New York State Basic Life Support Protocols for Certified First Responders, Emergency Medical Technicians and Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians. The protocols were developed by the State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee and approved by the State EMS Council.

The new protocols have been updated to reflect the 2005 American Heart Association Guidelines for Basic Life Support, CPR and Public Access Defibrillation. As with any large-scale update such as this, we realize that some agencies may have difficulty completing their in-service training. With this in mind, EMS agencies will have until midnight December 31, 2006 to complete their training. EMS agencies should make every effort to complete the in-service training as soon as possible.

The updated protocols will be implemented in the following manner:

1. On August 1st, 2006 the revised New York State EMS protocols are considered in effect and may be used by any EMS agency that has completed in-service training for their personnel. All EMS agencies must have these protocols in use by December 31, 2006.
2. On December 31 2006 all EMS agencies in New York State must have completed in-service training of the revised protocols for all NYS EMS certified personnel who are members or employees of their agency.
3. All NYS EMS Course Sponsors must begin teaching the new protocols in all state certification courses testing on or after August 1st, 2006. All NYS Written Certification Exams will reflect the new protocol changes beginning in August.

The entire protocol book as well as these updates will be available on our web site at <http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/ems/main.htm> soon. The protocol book is designed so you can remove the old version of these protocols and insert these new pages without the need to obtain an entire new book. Please check our web site regularly for any updates to the protocols and other Bureau of EMS documents.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact our Education Unit at (518) 402-0996, ext. 1, 4.

Sincerely,

Director,
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